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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service
Director, Geological Survey
Director, Minerals Management Service
Director, National Park Service

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance {Lead}

Subject: Review of Proposed Rule to implement Speed Restrictions to Reduce the Threat of
Ship Collision with North Atlantic Right Whales; Endangered Fish and Wildlife
(**ER 06/639**) (Agency due date: **August 25, 2006**)

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has published, the subject proposed to implement speed restrictions on vessels 65 ft or greater in overall length in certain locations and at certain times of the year along the east coast of the U.S. Atlantic seaboard, in the *Federal Register* dated **June 26, 2006**. You may access the proposed specifications on the Internet at:
http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont06.html.

Please review the proposed rule from your particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide your comments to this Office by **August 11, 2006**.

This Office will prepare the Departmental comments for signature by the Director, OEPC by **August 18, 2006**.

Please supply all signed, paper comments and comments on disk or by electronic mail to this Office.

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